Production of Coal

4704. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coal during 1989-90 and 1990-91:

(b) the total demand from States during 1991-92: and

(c) to what extent the Union Government have been able to meet the demands of the State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The coal production in the country during 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 200.89 million tonnes and 211.73 million tonnes respectively.

(b) and (c) The demand of coal is assessed under major sectors and not statewise. During April—July 91 offtake of coal was 72 20 million tonnes against estimated coal demand of 81.77 million tonnes in the country

Takeover of Unutilised Hotels

4705. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to take over all the hotels which are lying unutilised:

(b) if so, the total number of such hotels proposed to be taken over:

(c) whether a number of trade unions have opposed this move: and

(d) if so, the main points put forward by them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no proposal in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Electrification of Lines in Karnataka

4706. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted a number of proposals for electrification of railway lines in the State:

(b) if so, the total length of railway lines which will be electrified: and

(c) the total amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Electrification of Jolarpettai-Bangalore section. of which Bisanatham-Bangalore portion (92 Kms) falls in the State of Karnataka is in progress The total project is estimated to cost Rs. 50 00 crores

Aircraft Requirement

4707. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the aircraft requirements of the Indian Airlines. Air India and the Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof.

(c) the steps contemplated to augment and update the fleet indicating the nature and number of aircraft to be procured: and

(d) the details of plan of the Government for disposing of the old, outdated and uneconomical aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The fleet requirements of Air India and Indian Airlines are kept under constant review Both Air India and Indian Airlines have been directed recently to prepare a long term perspective plan for fleet renewal so that the fleet is kept young and modern. With due consideration to commercial viability availability of financial resources and other relevant factors, the fleet of both the national carriers would be renewed from time to time Presently there are no plans for acquisition of aircraft by Vayudoot.

Privatisation of Oil Sector

4708. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise the oil sector;

(b) if so, the specific areas of oil industry which are likely to be privatised; and

(c) the steps taken in this direction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Low Budget Tourism Programme

4709. SHRI RABI RAY Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage and introduce low budget tourism programme to encourage domestic tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The Central Government encourages the State Government and Union Territories by extending financial assistance for creation of infrastructural facilities which could meet the demand of low budget tourists particularly the domestic traveller. The financial assistance is extended on the basis of specific proposals received from the concerned State Governments which are considered on their merits, *inter-se* priorities and availability of funds.

Financial assistance is also given to the private sector for setting up hotels/ lodgings catering to the low budget tourist

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Consumption of Petroleum Products

4710. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the item-wise consumption of the petroleum products in the country during the last three years;